

EXHIBIT NO. 2--LETTERS FROM JAMES EARL RAY TO JUDGE BATTLE

Exhibit 2-A. Letter of March 13, 1969

Exhibit 2-B. Letter of March 26, 1969

3-13-69

Dear Sir,

I wish to inform the honorable court that that former Houston Ad. party pamphleteer is no longer representing me in any capacity. My reason for writing this letter is that I intend to file for a post conviction hearing in the very near future and don't want him writing my legal name unless their in my name behalf.

Sincerely,
James Earl Ray

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J. A. BLACKWELL, CLERK
BY [Signature] D. C.

2:55 P.M.

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Hon. Judge W. Preston Ball
Judge of the Criminal Court
Memphis, Tennessee.

I would respectfully request this court to treat this letter as a legal notice, of an intent to ask for a reversal of the 99 year sentence petition received in a former case. I understand on one avenue of appeal, I have only 30 days, in which to file a writ notice, to have previous sentence set aside. That is the appeal route to which I address this court.

I also would like to bring to the attention of the honorable court, that Mr. Percy Foreman, the attorney who was supposed to be representing me on this charge, stated in open court,

or that since he "Mr. Foreman" was receiving no funds to help prepare case for trial and he did not think he should be required to use his own funds, he requested court to appoint counsel to help, despite court. The court appointed public defender to investigate case, and assist Mr. Foreman.

Two, Mr. Foreman said in open court he did not want, or expect to receive, a cent for his efforts.

I think from Mr. Percy Foreman statement to the press that he had a contract from me and Mrs. William B. Harris, "representing" the case for \$400,000, and that he was now to receive \$150,000, should lay to rest the above two lies. Mr. Foreman told the court.

Exhibit # 3

Three; 2, James E. By in turn, has not personally received,
a card from Mr. Westcott B. Hix.

My only reason for bringing the aforementioned facts to
the attention of the court is that I would respectfully
move that the court appoint attorneys, or the public defender,
to assist me in the proceeding, I have no stakeholder,
nor has I received any funds from any source to engage
counsel.

petitioner use the word "assist", as I hereby request
the court, that I be personally present at the hearing, and
to assist court appointed counsel so that their honor
repetition of Mr. James Brown actions.

Respectfully

James Earl By
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777 S B 4 or 3
Nashville, Tenn. 37209.

I, JAMES A. BLACKWELL, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE DATE WHICH APPEARS AT THE TOP OF THIS
LETTER, ON THE FIRST PAGE, WHICH HAS BEEN OBLITERATED BY PUNCHING THE HOLE
FOR INSERTION OF THIS LETTER IN THE JACKET, IS 3-26-69.

J. A. BLACKWELL, CRIMINAL COURT CLERK

WITNESS
J. A. Blackwell

WITNESS
James E. Brown

DATE
April 12 1969

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BY [Signature] D. C.

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